

REMARKS

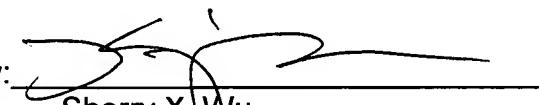
Applicants thank the Examiner for having the telephone interview on August 18, 2005. As suggested by the Examiner during the interview, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 5, 9, 18, and 22. The amendments are fully supported by the specification, for example, in paragraphs [1] and [17] of the specification. As such, no new matter has been added. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-25 remain pending.

In light of the Examiner's remarks in the telephone interview (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,570,591 to *Crovetto et al.* discloses a multiple step method requiring human intervention) and the above noted amendments, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-4, 9-19 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and the rejection of claims 5-8 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are not supported by the cited art. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn and the timely allowance of claims 1-25.

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